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Foreword

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At the request of CEN, the project (in CEN/TC 331/WG 4) was chaired by a representative from IPC (International Post Corporation), a firm based in Brussels, owned by a number of European and North American postal operators.

IPC has set up an independent group of experts to study the requirements for a small postal container which can replace the traditional mail bag in certain types of international mail handling. This type of container is known in the postal industry as a tray. The Tray subgroup – an advisory body to the IPC – has agreed on the relevant requirements for a postal tray.

Experts from the IPC Tray subgroup have joined the CEN/TC 331/WG 4 whose members are postal and materials handling experts and include experts from manufacturing companies. The findings of the IPC Tray Subgroup have been adopted by CEN/TC 331/WG 4.

Annex A is informative.

This document includes a Bibliography.

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Introduction

The European Union Commission stressed already in its Green paper on postal services in 1992 the need to establish common rules for the development of community postal services and the improvement of quality of service.

Furthermore the Commission has acknowledged the need for technical harmonisation to increase the interoperability of postal networks in the member states and has given CEN a mandate to define fields where such harmonisation could be useful and suggest priorities and timescales.

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